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Despatch Abstract

MADRAS Legislative Assembly Questions- Starred Question No.883 (886)- Post of Jt. D.I. & C. Appointment of Sri P.Govinda Menon - Received.

Joint Director of Industries and Commerce.

589 Q. Sri K.LINGARAJU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state:

(a) who the present Joint Director of Industries and Commerce is;
(b) whether he has a permanent lien in the department;
(c) if so, in what capacity and on what salary;
(d) whether his services were lent to the Government of India at any time;
(e) why was he brought back;
(f) what his special qualifications are to occupy his present place;
(g) whether in appointing this gentlemean as Joint Director, any of his seniors in the department were overlooked; and
(h) whether this particular officers was ever departmentally punished and, if so, when and for what charges?

The Hon Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI:---(a) Sri P.Govinda Menon is the Joint Director of Industries and Commerce at present.
(b) & (c) He holds a permanent lien as Assistant Industrial Engineer in the scale of Rs.260-500. He is an approved probationer in the post of Industrial Engineer on Rs.500-850 and will be made permanent in that post in due cource.
(d) From April 1942, to the end of June 1947, his services were lent to the Government of India in the Department of Supply. At the time of his reversion to Madras in June 1947, he was acting as Deputy Director-in Charge, Department of Industries and Supplies, Calcutta drawing a pay of Rs.1,050 and allowances.
(e) The Government considered him as suitable for appointment to the post of Joint Director on the retirement of Sri. Rao Bahadur N.M. Adyanthaya and therefore recalled him for service in this Province.

(f) He is a B.E. in Mechancial Engineering, and has worked as Superintendent of Industrial Schools, Assistant Industrial Engineer and Industrial Engineer. His total services in the department till now is about 24 years. In view of his administrative and technical experience in the Engineering and Educational sections of the Department, he was considered suitable for the post of Joint Director.

(g) There are three officers who are senior to Sri Govinda Menon in point of total service under Government. None of these three officers, however, possess knowledge or experience in both Engineering and Education matters, as Sri Menon does. 'Engineering' and Technical Education' form the important items of work allotted to the Joint Director of Industries and Commerce. Sri Menon was, therefore, promoted in preference to the others.

(h) In 1939, while he was probationer in the post of Assistant Industrial Engineer, his increment was withheld for delays."

Sri K.LINGARAJU:- "May I know the reason why his increment was stopped?"

The Hon. Sr. H.SITARAMA REDDI: "Due to delays, Sir,".

Sri K.LINGARAJU:-- Is it not a fact that a major portion of his service was as only an Industrial Engineer?"

The Hon Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI:- " I have already stated, Sir, in the course of my answer what his experience has been."

Sri B.S. MURTHI:- "Is it not a fact that as a result of departmental puhishment Mr. Menon sought service under the Government of India?"

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI:- "I think, Sir, that the All India Services are not for people who have been punished when he was required for service under the Government of India it was becuase of the importance of his qualifications."

Sri GUNDUR NARASIMHA RAO: " In view of the Industrial backwarness of this Province is it not good that after all the Government were able to find an efficient officer to act as Joint Director of Industries in this Province?".

No answer.

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Please see ~~at pp 1-5~~ above the proceedings of the Madras Legislative Assembly bearing on starred question No. 883 (589). No further action is called for in the matter The papers may be recorded.

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